

December 14, 2015  
M16-001

To: **SPEEA Council Delegates**  
From: **SPEEA Legislative & Public Affairs Committee**  
Subject: **PRESUBMITTED NEW BUSINESS: L&PA attendance at the National Conference of State Legislature Legislative Summit**

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### **Background**

SPEEA L&PA Committee Charter:

Analyzes pending federal legislation and politician's and political candidates' positions as they relate to SPEEA's goals and objectives. Also responsible for compliance with SPEEA Policy Manual Section on legislative actions and endorsements.

The National Conference of State Legislators, Legislative Summit is where legislators and legislative staff come together to work on the nation's pressing issues and influence federal policy.

National Conference of State Legislators:

**Definition of activity:** The National Conference of State Legislators play a vital role in developing the states agenda, which is a blueprint for NCSL's advocacy work on Capitol Hill. The policies they adopt at this Conference become the backbone of the NCSL's efforts to affect federal legislation.

**Objective:** Observe National Conference Agendas/workshops' and lobby legislators. Educate members on Issues: Our Members learn what the State Legislators interests are and their strategy to unify and promote State interest vs. Federal interest.

**Benefit to members:** Attending this Conference gives us perspective to develop SPEEA Strategies and to support SPEEA Issues with the federal legislation.

The 2016 NCSL Legislative Summit conference is August 8-11, 2016 in Chicago.

### **Expenses**

Basis: Each traveler, Travel on Monday and Friday (5 days, 4 nights)

Registration	\$1,200
Per diem	\$ 400
Airfare	\$ 600
Mileage	\$ 50
Airport transportation	\$ 40
Lodging	\$1,200
Parking	<u>\$ 70</u>
Expense Total	\$3,560

Paid time 40 hrs ~\$1,900

Cost to SPEEA for 4 attendees: \$14,400 plus 160 hours compensated time (~\$7,500) to study and influence US Federal Policy for all states.

### **Motion**

It is moved: **THAT THE SPEEA COUNCIL APPROVES INCORPORATING \$15,000 AND 160 HOURS COMPENSATED TIME INTO THE SPEEA COUNCIL 2016/2017 BUDGET AND FUTURE YEARS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATORS LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT.**